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" The Government have reasons to apprehend however that these rules are not being always followed and some evil exists. In the absence of actual complaints, however, it is difficult to take definite steps to stop the evil.

" (c) Gazetted Revenue officers touring within their jurisdictions are entitled to travelling allowance and daily allowance at rates admissible to them under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules. Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors whose work involves touring within their respective jurisdiction are allowed fixed rates of travelling allowance. The travelling allowance and daily allowance paid to the touring revenue officials are in addition to the salary and other allowances due to them.

" (d) No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

" (e) The whole matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that similar practice exists in every department of Government. The officer makes a tour in the mufassal and they depend upon the subordinates to supply to them. It is a patent fact; if the Government are not aware of it, will they at least hold an enquiry and find out the truth?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps it is so. I have only answered that we have no specific cases before us. I have already stated that Government are aware of the general complaint and we are looking into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why in some cases fixed travelling allowances are given while in other cases the travelling allowance is given according to the Travelling Allowance Rules?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of that question."

SRI THURAGA PURUSHOTTAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that regular supplies of all requirements including snuff, is being obtained by some gazetted officers of the Public Works Department?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I take the information from the hon. Member."

New railway lines in Nellore.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government propose to take necessary steps with the Government of India to speed up the proposed railway lines in the Nellore district, i.e., Nellore to Vinikonda via Atmakur, Kanigiri and Nellore to Dharmavaram via Badvel, Cuddapah?

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THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" There is no proposal at present to construct any railway line in the Nellore district; the question of speeding up these lines does not therefore arise."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, when it was surveyed and stones fixed did not the Government feel that the line will pay?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" These lines were considered to be unremunerative ones and in regard to financing them, Railway Board require a guarantee from the district boards against loss in the actual working of the lines. As the district board did not give the guarantee, these have not been pursued further."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that Nellore district is very badly served by railway communications and the opening of these lines in the particular area is absolutely necessary?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I have been quite well aware of the paucity of railway communication in the Nellore district. Sir, we shall again take up the matter."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. PRESIDENT.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that His Excellency the Governor-General has withheld his assent to the Madras Trade Disputes Adjudication (Temporary Provision) Bill, 1946, passed by the Council on the 12th day of September 1946 and the Press Communiqué No. 13, Public (Information and Publicity) Department, dated the 19th March 1947, has been placed on the table of the House."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1946-47.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Mr. President, I beg to present the Demands for Grants for further expenditure and Detailed Supplementary Estmates thereof for the year 1946–47.

" I am sure, hon. Members have been supplied with copies of Demands for Grants for further expenditure."

IV.—DISCUSSION *RE* SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" May I bring to your notice, Sir, that the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill with the report of the Select Committtee is likely to be taken up for discussion in the other House on the 27th instant. That will come up before this House on 28th or 29th, and it is necessary that the Bill should become law before the end of this month. So some time has to be provided for it to be discussed in 3–15 p.m.

a Printed as Appendix on page 431 infra.